

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Katherine W. Osteryoung et al.

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Entitled: Plastid Division and Related Genes and Proteins, and Methods of Use

## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 18, 2007

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Examiner Kubelik:

Please enter the following on the record in response to the above cited Final Office Action mailed on October 18, 2007. The Applicants believe this to be a timely response such that no extension of time fees are required. A Request For Continued Examination is attached hereto with the requisite fee. However, A Request To Remove Finality Of The Final Office Action is also included.

On page two of this communication please find a status of all claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.21.